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NAVSTA PANAMA CANAL PASS TO NAVOCEANO HARSAP COORDINATOR

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE 10 PARA 2 OMITTED)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TOCY, CO

SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN COLOMBIAN WATERS

1. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) PRIORITY
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CHARTING REQUIREMENTS, USNS CHAUVENET (T-AGS-29) IS
CURRENTLY CONDUCTING HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS IN
THE GULF OF PANAMA. CHAUVENET IS OPERATED BY THE U.S.
NAVY AND IS UNDER THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE U.S.
NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE. RECENTLY EXPANDED REQUIRE-
MENTS INCLUDE AN AREA THAT EXTENDS ALONG THE PACIFIC
COAST OF COLOMBIA FROM 06-45N TO 07-14N. NAVY DESIRES

EARLIEST PRACTICAL CLEARANCE FOR THIS SHIP TO ENTER COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1978.

2. NO USE OF COLOMBIAN LAND SITES IS ENVISIONED. COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME WITH UP TO THREE BERTHS BEING AVAILABLE. HYDROGRAPHIC DATA DEVELOPED FOR NAUTICAL CHARTS IS UNCLASSIFIED AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COLOMBIA THROUGH THE HARBOR SURVEY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HARSAP) IN WHICH COLOMBIA PARTICIPATES. NAVOCEANO HARSAP COORDINATOR (MR. JOSE VARGAS) HAS CONDUCTED PRE-LIMINARY INFORMAL LIAISON WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COLOMBIA NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE (NAMES UNAVAILABLE) AND REPORTS THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT AND FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOC APPROVAL OF THE CLEARANCE REQUEST. EARLY APPROVAL WILL PERMIT OPTIMUM AND TIMELY USE OF SCARCE SHIPBOARD ASSETS AND EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF THIS PRIORITY PROJECT THAT APPEARS TO BE IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU APPROACH THE GOC AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR CHAUVENET TO OPERATE AS NECESSARY WITHIN COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1978 INCLUSIVE. REQUEST ADVISE ALL ADDRESSEES OF PROGRESS ON CLEARANCE REQUEST.
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4. SHIP'S MASTER IS CAPTAIN RATH WITH A CREW OF 154 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 8. CHAUVENET DISPLACES 4,330 TONS, IS 392 FT. LONG AND HAS AN 18 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS NYGG AND SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

5. FOR NAVOCEANO BAY ST LOUIS: UPON RECEIPT OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE AS REQUESTED ABOVE, DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED WITH GOC HYDROGRAPHIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS ON PERSONNEL EMBARKATION, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS.

6. FYI: DEPT. IS AWARE OF NORMAL GOC REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH AS WELL AS LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTS. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS PROPOSAL IT IS BELIEVED THAT GOC MAY OVERLOOK NORMAL REQUIREMENTS AS THE END PRODUCT WILL APPARENTLY BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. END FYI. VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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